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Jane Henney, Commissioner  
Food and Drug Administration  
Docket # 00P-1211/CP1  
5630 Fishers Ln., Room 1061 (HFA-305)  
Rockville, MD 20852

Dear Ms. Henney:


I am writing to support a legal petition by the Center for Food Safety submitted to the Food and Drug Administration.

I urge that no new genetically-engineered foods or products with genetically-engineered ingredients be released until the FDA requires long-term safety testing of all genetically-engineered foods before they go to market.

All genetically-engineered foods now on the market must be labeled. Consumers have the right to know what is in the food they are purchasing and eating..

There are many potential risks to genetically-engineered foods, including loss of biodiversity of crops, genetic "drift" as pollens mingle with other varieties, possible increase in allergies and other health problems, greater reliance on chemicals for GE crops, and control of the world's seeds by a few corporations owning the patents.

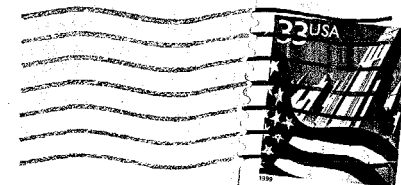
We must use greater caution in the development of GE foods in my opinion. There must be pre-testing and labeling of new products, corporate accountability to consumers and public regulation.

Yours truly,  
  
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